

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY FOR POLYMER ELECTROLYTE  
FUEL CELL

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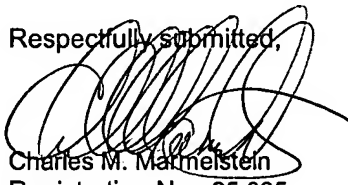
- ☒ 15 pages of Specification/Claims 1-3/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-4; 2 sheet(s)) is/are attached.  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2002-353005 filed December 4, 2002 in Japan is claimed under  
35 U.S.C. §119.  
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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BASIC FEE				\$ 385	OR		\$ 770
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INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0	x 43 =	\$	OR	x 86	\$ 0
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- ☒ A check for the filing fee is not enclosed at this time.

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